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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : DD/R Requirements for Automatic Data Processing Equipment

1. The Office of Special Activities, in support of the National Reconnaissance Program, is rapidly approaching operational target dates in several projects which will necessitate, because of their complexity, automatic data processing in the preparation of mission plans through the collation of targets, weather factors, vehicle performance and intelligence data. Certain on-going projects will also benefit substantially from the availability of computer programming. In many of these projects timely decision making can only be achieved through the actual employment of computer programming.

2. Following extensive briefings of our operations, both present and imminent, ADPS personnel have concluded that only a computer with a very large memory core which can simultaneously accept and rapidly process a tremendous volume of data will satisfactorily meet our requirements. We have been advised by ADPS that a computer, the IBM 7090, is presently being considered to meet other CIA needs and is thoroughly capable of satisfying ours. Target date for the acquisition of the 7090 is not planned, however, until December 1963. We have received word that a 7090 Computer will be readied by May of this year and with a governmental priority we should be able to secure delivery.

3. I would like to register my vote for earliest acquisition of a computer and call to your attention our operational requirements for such a machine. Although I am sure the Agency will be able to procure the priority necessary to obtain the "May" computer, I will be happy to enlist whatever Department of Defense support may be required to earmark the 7090 for CIA.

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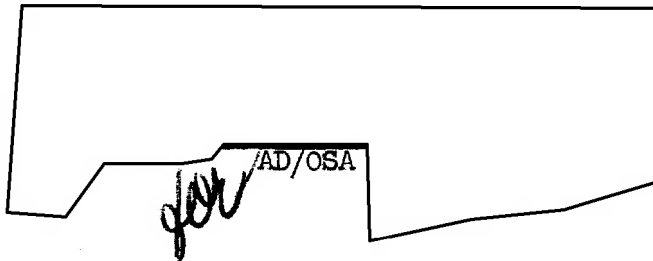


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4. I will be happy to discuss our requirements with you or assist in any way possible in obtaining the machine.

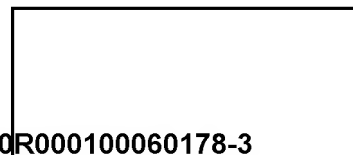
Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.  
**HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.**  
Deputy Director  
(Research)

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